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The Honorable Brad Wenstrup 2419 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

**RE: CMHA Affordable Housing Renovation Project** 

Dear Representative Wenstrup:

I am writing this letter in support of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority's affordable housing renovation project. CMHA is applying for funding, through a new Economic Development Initiative, to update and do much needed repairs on their affordable housing properties located in Mt. Healthy and the Anderson Township areas in Hamilton County.

The demand for affordable housing is rapidly increasing while supply cannot meet the current needs so it is important to preserve the current supply of affordable housing units. With the increased cost of construction and labor, it is also imperative that developers of affordable housing use creative solutions like the Economic Development Initiative to maintain our local supply of affordable housing. The EDI program will give CMHA the much-needed funding to continue to maintain much needed affordable housing in Hamilton County without taking funding from the development of new affordable housing.

We have worked with CMHA and know that they are an organization dedicated to the preservation and development of quality affordable housing and will make great use of the EDI funds. I commend CMHA for its innovative efforts to preserve low-income housing resources that are desperately needed.

Sincerely,

Jeff Aluotto

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